

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNECONOMIC TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway Board has made any study to find out the uneconomic trains;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, zone-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Railways on such study; and
- (d) the details of revenue loss by various zones during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b) : Study of occupancy of trains is a continuous exercise being carried out by Zonal Railways to take corrective steps to improve the earning and occupancy wherever the occupancy is found low. However, out of approximately 9000 passenger carrying trains running daily on Indian Railways, about 4000 are Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) trains which have a set pattern of occupancy i.e. running over-occupied during peak hours with a much lower occupation level during off-peak. Of around 1500 Mail/Express trains, about 10% to 15% on an annual average basis remain at a low occupation level (below 30% of the capacity) in the reserved segment. The remaining around 3500 ordinary passenger trains with predominantly unreserved segment are generally occupied over 30%.

(c): Some trains have been cancelled due to low occupancy while quotas/compositions of trains have been changed in respect of some other trains with low occupancy so as to improve their patronisation.

(d): Figures of train wise revenue loss are not maintained separately on the railways.